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General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations of the plenary on the Peacebuilding Commission

11 a.m. . . . . 8th meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 43rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [64]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.15/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/60/L.21 and A/C.3/60/L.21/Corr.1)

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General Assembly
Sixtieth session

The 1st meeting (closed) of the informal consultations of the plenary on the follow-up to the Summit Outcome on development and Economic and Social Council reform will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 8).

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2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [65]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.67

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [67]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.22/Rev.1 and amendments thereto, contained in document A/C.3/60/L.69 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/60/L.66)

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [71 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.25/Rev.1

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [71 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.33/Rev.1 and A/C.3/60/L.54 and amendments thereto, contained in document A/C.3/60/L.70

6. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [71 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.45 and A/C.3/60/L.53 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/60/L.68)

3–6 p.m. 44th meeting Conference Room 1

(Continuation of action on draft resolutions from the programme of the 43rd meeting)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/6, A/60/6/Corr.1, A/60/6/Corr.2, A/60/6/Corr.3, A/60/6/Corr. 4 (French only), A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Sect. 3), A/60/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 (French only), A/60/6 (Sect. 4), A/60/6 (Sect. 5), A/60/6 (Sect. 6), A/60/6 (Sect. 7), A/60/6 (Sect. 8), A/60/6 (Sect. 9), A/60/6 (Sect. 10), A/60/6 (Sect. 11), A/60/6 (Sect. 12), A/60/6 (Sect. 13), A/60/6 (Sect. 14), A/60/6 (Sect. 15), A/60/6 (Sect. 16), A/60/6 (Sect. 17), A/60/6 (Sect. 18), A/60/6 (Sect. 19), A/60/6 (Sect. 20), A/60/6 (Sect. 21), A/60/6 (Sect. 22), A/60/6 (Sect. 23), A/60/6 (Sect. 24), A/60/6 (Sect. 25), A/60/6 (Sect. 26), A/60/6 (Sect. 27), A/60/6 (Sect. 28), A/60/6 (Sect. 28A), A/60/6 (Sect. 28B), A/60/6 (Sect. 28C), A/60/6 (Sect. 28D), A/60/6 (Sect. 28E), A/60/6 (Sect. 28F), A/60/6 (Sect. 28G), A/60/6 (Sect. 29), A/60/6 (Sect. 30), A/60/6 (Sect. 31), A/60/6 (Sect. 32), A/60/6 (Sect. 33), A/60/6 (Sect.34), A/60/6 (Sect. 35), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/60/6 (Income Sect. 3))

Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 8, 28A and 35 and income section 1 (A/60/303)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7 and A/60/7/Corr.1 and A/60/7/Add.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/60/16 and A/60/16/Corr.1)

3 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Observation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/389 and A/60/536) [140]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [123]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/60/183 and A/60/7/Add.7)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

Possibility of operating guided tours, bookstores and gift shops at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the cost implications thereof (A/59/793, A/60/7 and A/60/7/Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Financing of the United Nations Observation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/389 and A/60/536))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 24th meeting.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Capital Master Plan

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), on the draft resolution on the least developing countries, under agenda item 55 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the least developed countries), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ana Cristina Rodriguez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on sustainable mountain development, under agenda item 52 (e) (Sustainable development in mountain regions), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 53 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, under agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Rebekah Grindlay (Australia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and interdependence", under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), on agenda item 55 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khaled Aly Elbakly (Egypt), on the draft resolution on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Peter Le Roux (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability, under agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held *today*, 18 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the African Group draft resolution on the assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Nigeria)

9.15–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the protection of migrants (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights mainstreaming in the United Nations system (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "The situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" under agenda item 67 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Palestine)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the right to development under agenda item 71 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Malaysia)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Friday, 18 November 2005

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on corrupt practices)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on women in development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on eradication of poverty)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the daft resolution on science and technology)

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Working methods of the Security Council" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Singapore and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism to the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Today, 18 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 18 November 2005

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

10 a.m. 53rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/60/553) [112 (c)]

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: reports of the Fifth Committee [113]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/542)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/60/543)

   (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/60/544)

   (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/60/545)

   (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/60/546)

3. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/540) [138]

4. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/541) [145]

5. United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/514) [78]

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/515) [79]

7. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/516)[1] [80]

8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/517)[1] [82]

9. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/520) [153]

[1] To be issued.

10. Observer status for the Latin American Integration Association in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/521) [155]

11. Observer status for the Common Fund for Commodities in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/522) [156]

12. Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/533) [158]

13. Granting of observer status in the General Assembly to the Ibero-American Conference: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/534) [159]

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and sub-items (a), (d) and (e)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 73, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Wednesday, 23 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on the Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21, and the outcomes of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, under agenda item 52 (a), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held from Monday, 21, to Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 53 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Catherine Brown (Canada), on the draft resolution on Human Resources Development, under agenda item 56 (c), will be held on Monday, 21 November, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (h) (United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ewa Anzorge (Poland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 57 (b) (South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito (Japan), on the draft resolution on agenda item 56 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Panel discussion on "The role of the United Nations in the MDG-focused National Poverty Reduction Strategies"

There will be a panel discussion on "The role of the United Nations in the MDG-focused National Poverty Reduction Strategies", organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 21 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali (Nigeria), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Dr. Peter Odili, Governor of River State of Nigeria; Mr. Bruce Jenks, Associate Administrator and Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, United Nations Development Programme; Mr. Richard Morgan, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Programme Guidance Unit, United Nations Children's Fund; and Mrs. Azita Berar-Awad, Director, National Policy Group, Policy Integration Department of the International Labour Organization. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

[*Note*: Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal "informal" consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates, and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), by *today*, 18 November 2005.

Relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation is available on the Web site of the Third Committee at the following address: www.un.org/ga/60/third.

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 25th meeting on Monday, 21 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 3.30 p.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

College of Commissioners
Twenty-first session

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established by Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold the twenty-first session of the College of Commissioners on Monday and Tuesday, 21 and 22 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing on the biennial support budget for 2006-2007 and on thematic funding in the context of the medium-term strategic plan (items on the agenda of the Board's first regular session of 2006). The briefing will take place on Monday, 21 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultation

A joint informal consultation on Atlas will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", under agenda item 73 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7;

Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 23 November 2005, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Friends of the International Criminal Court (consultations on the draft Omnibus Resolution of the Fourth Assembly of States Parties)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Asian Group (First Committee) (meeting with representatives of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004))

Tuesday, 22 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Eastern European Group (experts on candidatures)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefings/informal exchanges of views between the Bureau of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and delegations from the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and the JUSCANZ Group (organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests)

Group of 77 and China:
Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

European Union:
Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

JUSCANZ Group
Friday, 2 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

United Nations Development Programme

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: second informal briefing on the *Arab Human Development Report 2005* and the new Arab States regional programme.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Round table on "Tajikistan's MDG-based National Development Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan and the United Nations Millennium Project)

Monday, 12 December 2005, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Aizhan Mitteldorf, United Nations Millennium Project (tel. 1 (212) 906-5799; e-mail aizhan.mitteldorf@unmillenniumproject.org).]

Announcements

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 November 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 17 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

42nd meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination. . . . . [69]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.63

The representative of Jamaica introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Kazakhstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Andorra, Benin and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

Andorra, Azerbaijan, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Poland and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland made a statement and announced that Andorra, the Bahamas, Belgium, Jamaica, Jordan, Micronesia (the Federated States of), New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, the Comoros, Guyana, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Suriname and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [69 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nigeria, South Africa, the Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and Iceland.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.60, by a recorded vote of 97 to 4, with 63 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Ghana.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement regarding his vote.

Right of peoples to self-determination [70]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Andorra, Armenia, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, the Comoros, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, the Niger, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and Spain.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.62, by a recorded vote of 162 to 4, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Canada and Argentina.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement regarding his vote.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [71 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.26

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden made oral revisions to the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Australia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, New Zealand, Nicaragua, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Georgia, Honduras, Jordan, Ukraine and Uruguay also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.26, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [71 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.42/Rev.1

The representative of the United States made a statement, in which she withdrew the revised draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [71 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.48

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), who announced that Bulgaria, Israel, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Palau, the Republic of Moldova and Serbia and Montenegro had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Iceland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Explanations of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Barbados, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Belarus, the Sudan, Turkmenistan, Zimbabwe and Egypt.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.48, by a recorded vote of 84 to 22, with 62 abstentions.

The representatives of Estonia and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements regarding their vote.

An explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 17 November 2005

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

46th meeting — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the second report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (E/1990/6/Add.38). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

47th meeting — *Substantive issues arising on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* . . . . . [3]

The Committee met with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, to discuss questions relating to the treaty body reform.

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

681st meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of France (CAT/C/34/Add.19).

682nd meeting — The Committee heard the replies of the Government of Austria.

The Committee then met with non-governmental organizations in respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Objection to the declaration made by Pakistan upon signature: Spain (15 November 2005)[1]

Objection to the declaration made by Pakistan upon signature: Norway (17 November 2005)[1]

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Romania (17 November 2005)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Romania (17 November 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Objection to the reservation made by Oman upon accession: Germany (17 November 2005)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Guyana (16 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: Romania (17 November 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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Seminar on "Critical perspectives on combating genocide: What we can do to prevent, what we can do during, what we must do after" (fourth seminar in the "Unlearning intolerance" DPI seminar series) (organized by the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)

Monday, 21 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; fax 1 (212) 963-4581).]

Screening of the film "Raising Their Voices: The Story of the Sinikithemba Choir"; followed by a panel discussion (organized by the Joint United Nations Porgramme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on the occasion of World AIDS Day)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Asif Husain-Naviatti (tel. 1 (212) 824-6610; e-mail husainnaviattia@unaids.org).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. Mrs. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bahamas
H.E. Ms. Paulette A. Bethel

Western European and other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke

Daily list of documents

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 17 November 2005.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/472	Item 26 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/60/520 — Item 153 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/550 — Item 124 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Third annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/60/L.17/Add.1 — Item 42 — Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations — 35-Power draft resolution — Eight hundred years of Mongolian statehood [A C E F R S]

A/60/L.18/Add.1 — Item 73 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — 136-Power draft resolution — Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South Asian earthquake disaster — Pakistan [A C E F R S]

A/60/L.19/Add.1 — Item 73 (c) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster — 69-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/60/L.20/Add.1 — Item 73 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — 141-Power draft resolution — Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/60/L.8/Rev.2* — Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/60/L.11/Rev.1 — Item 38 — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — 28-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/60/L.42/Rev.1 — Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 37-Power revised draft resolution — Incompatibility between corruption and the full enjoyment of human rights [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/60/L.52/Rev.1 — Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 88-Power revised draft resolution — The right to food [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/60/L.67 — Item 65 — Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/60/14 Items 97 (d) and 124 — General and complete disarmament: transparency in armaments — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/60/L.50/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/60/L.6 Item 121 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

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